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MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Mr. Madison E. Mitchell, Defense Member, Acting Chairman
(for Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF)

PRESENT:

NSA:

Mr. Benjamin J. Price

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CIA:

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY:

Captain Frederick Welden

AIR FORCE:

Lt. Colonel Charles D. Fisher
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF:

Colonel George E. Perry, USAF

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT:

Mr. Philip G. Merta

ALSO PRESENT:

NSA:

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CIA:

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ARMY:

Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)

NAVY:

Commander Frederick W. Hitz, Jr.
Commander Harry B. Pitcher

JOINT STAFF:

Captain Theodore C. Siegmund, USN

SECRETARIAT:

Major Alva H. May, USAF
Miss V. Daphne Owens
Miss Alice Aurell

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USIB-EE-5.2/56

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

The Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting were unanimously approved.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-35./7 Item 2 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

Subject: Emergency Planning.

PROBLEM:

To review developments in proceeding with actions required to fulfill the USIB charge to the Committee on Emergency Planning.

DISCUSSION:

It was noted that USIB-D-7.1/6 had forwarded to the Committee a check list which had been agreed on as 'guidance' at the Board meeting of 8 September. This new paper was taken into consideration in discussion of the report of the ad hoc group, which had been forwarded with USIB-EE-35./6.

Although the ad hoc committee's report was recognized as a good preliminary document, it was felt that it needed additional work to bring it in line with the new Board guidance paper, as well as to resolve some of the differences developed in discussion of the item.

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CIA advised the Committee that his steering group was looking into the matter of revised PNIO's and noted that these would have to be taken into consideration, as applicable, by the entire community in final plans.

The NSA Member noted that there were several actions which had to be taken by the community which could be started while the ad hoc committee was working on the plan. These pertain particularly to paragraphs D. e. and f. (Page 5 to ad hoc committee report, USIB-EE-35./6), which are concerned with priorities and wartime requirements.

It was agreed that the ad hoc committee should continue with the task, getting contributions on paragraph D. f. and proceeding to the extent of their ability on paragraph D. e. It was also agreed that the ad hoc group would be expanded to include representatives from interested Members as desired. Most Members indicated a wish to participate.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

Noted the report of the ad hoc committee. The ad hoc group to continue its work on the ELINT plan, taking into consideration new guidance and other factors involved.

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Members to contribute to the maximum extent possible their wartime requirements to the ad hoc group.

Item to be continued on the Committee agenda.

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USIB-EE-13.74
13.1/4 Item 3 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

Subject: [REDACTED]

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& NSA

PROBLEM:

To determine Committee action necessary to fulfill the USIB charge to
the Committee to study security aspects of [REDACTED] the
ELINT system.

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DISCUSSION:

& NSA

The NSA Member reported that the ad hoc sub-committee had met twice but
was not yet prepared to submit a paper for Committee consideration. The
ad hoc group was exploring all facets of the problem, and it was hoped to
have a paper ready for consideration at the next regular meeting.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

To defer consideration of this item to a subsequent meeting, awaiting
receipt of the report from the ad hoc sub-committee studying the subject.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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US IB-EE-29./34

Item 4 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

Subject: [REDACTED]

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PROBLEM:

To consider the revised draft DCID No. 6/22 submitted by the ad hoc group.

DISCUSSION:

After a discussion on the interpretation of NSCID 6 and the DCI's responsibilities in the matter, it was agreed to amend paragraph IV. 1. to conform to the language of NSCID 6. With this one amendment the revised draft was approved.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

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[REDACTED]

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of draft DCID 6/22 as accepted by the ELINT Committee.

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USIB-EE-29.20/24 Item 5 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

25X1X7 Subject: [REDACTED]

PROBLEM:

25X1X7 [REDACTED]

DISCUSSION:

The Committee considered two pertinent documents -

- (a) USIB-EE-29.20/21 - Plan for Forthcoming Negotiations
- (b) USIB-EE-29.20/20 - Combined List of Objectives

The Members first considered (b) above. The general feeling was that the Committee did not favor combined objectives because of the classification and other considerations. Further, it was felt that USIB had already approved the objectives (Special Annex to USIB-M-54, Item 3) and that it would not be appropriate to submit them to the Board a second time. However, in view of subsequent discussion on (a) above, it was decided to defer decision on the matter pending resolution of certain problems which arose in later discussion. The Committee did, however, accept the wording of the paragraph on security (in (b) above) with the substitution of the word "foster" for "insure" as the second word of the paragraph.

In discussion of (a) above, several questions arose affecting the ELINT aspects of the negotiations which the Committee felt required resolution before the paper could be approved. It was decided to form an ad hoc working group, under the chairmanship of CIA, to review the matter with the COMINT Committee's ad hoc group and technical advisers, as appropriate, and resolve the problems or recommend changes to satisfy ELINT phases. Any changes to be circulated to the ELINT Committee for consideration on a no objection basis or at a special meeting, if required. Action on both (a) and (b) (with the exception of approval of the security paragraph) was deferred pending the findings of the ad hoc group.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

To defer for later consideration after investigation of certain problems affecting the ELINT aspects of the arrangements to be reported by an ad hoc committee.

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ITEM 5 (CONT'D)

USIB-EE-29.20/24

To form an ad hoc sub-committee to be chaired by CIA and including membership from NSA, Army, Navy and Air Force. Sub-committee to coordinate with COMINT personnel as required, and report its findings at an early date.

To approve paragraph 7 (of Draft Annex 3, attached to NSA Memorandum, Serial N 3730, circulated as inclosure to USIB-EE-29.20/20, dated 10 Sep 59), as amended, for common language on security.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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Item 6 on the Agenda for the Nineteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 17 September 1959.

Subject: Priorities for [REDACTED]

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& NSA

PROBLEM:

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To consider the CIA Member's recommendation on establishing priorities
to improve the quality and timing of [REDACTED]

DISCUSSION:

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The CIA Member presented the problem, noting that the community wanted & NSA
the best results possible from [REDACTED]
but that in many cases results were extremely slow in reaching the community.
He recognized that NSA and other agencies were aware of the increasing 25X1D6b
difficulties in the problem, [REDACTED] & NSA
being handled with no increase in available resources. He recommended that
the community look into the matter of priorities [REDACTED] to see what
steps might be taken to speed up receipt of certain important analysis. 25X1D6b

The NSA Member considered that some benefit might result from a re- & NSA
examination of priorities as now constituted, and recommended that the
Priorities Advisory Group (PAG) would be the most suitable starting point.
The Members concurred.

There was a question raised on PAG's responsibility in the ELINT as
well as the COMINT field. The NSA Member advised that the Group's
responsibility had been expanded to include both fields, but was not certain
that this development had been published to the community. The NSA Member
will look into the matter and publish an appropriate document, if necessary.

DECISION: (17 September 1959)

The Members noted the problem raised by the CIA Member and agreed that
he would raise the matter at a PAG meeting on behalf of the ELINT Committee.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Nineteenth Meeting, 17 September 1959, came to order at 1000.

2. The Acting Chairman raised the question of the Committee's Technical Assistant. He advised that a letter had been received from CIA requesting the return of [REDACTED] to other duties within the Agency. Colonel Richman had checked the matter informally with the Members of the Committee and agreed that [REDACTED] return to CIA would not be opposed, recognizing that technical assistance would be available from NSA and other Member sources as needed. The position will remain, but will not be filled for the present.

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The Acting Chairman mentioned the excellent contribution which Mr. [REDACTED] had made to the work of the Committee. He expressed the appreciation of the Committee and noted that a formal letter of appreciation would be forwarded, calling attention to [REDACTED] exceptional services. Mr. [REDACTED] thanked the Committee for the cooperation and pleasant relationships he had enjoyed during his tour as Technical Assistant.

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3. The Executive Secretary advised the Committee that the Scientific Intelligence Committee had reported delays in the preparation of the study [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (USIB-EE-33.1/9). SIC had requested extension of the target date from 1 November 1959 to 1 January 1960. The Members had no objection to this extension.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1230.

5. After formal adjournment, the Acting Chairman called an executive session, at which a question raised by the Joint Staff Member on certain collection matters was discussed. The meeting adjourned finally at 1250.